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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ABOARD AMERICAN PRESIDENT

LINES SHIP PRESIDENT MONROE

1. 25 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES RESCUED FROM SOUTH CHINA SEA ARRIVED SINGAPORE ABOARD AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES (APL) SHIP PRESIDENT MONROE MORNING APRIL 10. GROUP CONSISTS OF 8 MEN, 3 WOMEN, 14 CHILDREN.

2. THE PRESIDENT MONROE, GRANTED PERMISSION TO UNLOAD CARGO ONLY AT SINGAPORE, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE DISEMBARKING REFUGEES HERE. SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO SAIL FOR JAKARTA TONIGHT 4/10/78, AT 18:00 HOURS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE CUSTOMARY PRACTICE, URGENTLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR WRITTEN GUARANTEE TO GOS THAT USG WILL ARRANGE ONWARD MOVEMENT FOR ALL FOREGOING REFUGEES NOT ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRIES WITHIN 90 DAYS. AS POINTED OUT IN SINGAPORE 1158, WE HAVE REASON TO DOUBT THAT GOS WILL ACCEPT GUARANTEE WHICH LIMITS USG RESPONSIBILITY
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FOR REFUGEES TO THOSE FOUND ACCEPTABLE UNDER US IMMIGRATION LAWS. IF DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO APPROVE GUARANTEE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THIS PROVISION, VESSEL WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO LEAVE FOR JAKARTA WITHOUT DISEMBARKING REFUGEES.

4. ITINERARY PRESIDENT MONROE: ETA JAKARTA MORNING APRIL 12 FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO PORT KLANG. SHIP WILL THEN STOP

ONE DAY SINGAPORE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 18 ENROUTE HONG KONG/LOS
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